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## JUDGE PARKER'S ACCEPTANCE.

Judge Parker's acceptance speech will prove a disappointment. The general public has been given to understand that Judge Parker is a man of rare mental attainments, but his speech is far from the gem which most of us expected. It lacks that fine polish which characterizes the literary efforts of President Cleveland, and in almost every respect is a most ordinary document.

Judge Parker's speech is remarkable for just one original expression—original so far as acceptance speeches are concerned. He closes his speech with the declaration that, successful or unsuccessful, he will not seek nor accept the renomination, on the ground that the possibility of re-election may influence the acts of the president. This proposition, as Judge Parker points out, is open to strong argument both ways, and the democrats will probably not make it a campaign issue. It is a declaration which might have been expected from a man who has not held the office to which he aspires.

So far as other propositions of the speech are concerned, they are just what was expected. Judge Parker says the tariff breeds the trusts. Most men agree on this point. However, the democratic nominee would not go trust-busting, but would set out on a tariff-revising expedition, with the idea in view of curbing the encroachments of the trusts. Just how this roundabout method will suit the Hearst following remains to be seen.

Our Philippine attitude will be discussed for many years to come. Many of us will deary the plan by which the Filipinos are made subjects, not citizens, and more of us, no doubt, will continue to insist that we came by the islands accidentally, from which it does not follow that we should accept 8,000,000 savages as fellow-citizens. Judge Parker has nothing new to say on this subject. He is opposed to extensive armament, but it can scarcely be said that he commits himself to hostility to a greater navy. His reference probably is intended for the army. The candidate attributes the strikes in Colorado to the failure of officials to do their duty, but says nothing especially new on this point.

Judge Parker concludes with the most important statement of all—that he will write a letter of acceptance in which he will more fully deal with the issues. His letter, judging from his speech, should be submitted to Mr. Cleveland for revision.

## A TIP FROM THE POLITICIANS.

Our politicians teach us so many things unworthy of emulation that it is a genuine pleasure to recognize their occasional merits; and it happens that the best example they set is the one most needed in the business and domestic life of the day, says the Saturday Evening Post.

Before each convention it is the habit of the politicians of every party that has any life in it to wrangle extravagantly. Factions proclaim their contentions with a vigor of word and action that would seem to mean their withdrawal from party allegiance if their special claims and candidates were not accepted without compromise or equivocation. When the conventions assemble there is the sharp clash of interests and ambitions, each vowing never to surrender one jot or tittle of its plans and purposes, and every one using the straightest, hardest language at hand. So it goes until the votes are taken—and then the factions come together, everything is ratified, and all go home to work in harmony for the success of the ticket and the platform.

The great thing is that the politicians bring their differences to a settling point when they assemble their divided energies for a mass movement. After the decision they know from experience that if they waste their strength on side issues or minor candidates they ride to defeat; so they unite, sink past quarrels, and work for the common end. In that respect a great campaign in America is educational and electrifying.

Most large business failures, most church disasters, most social fractures, most professional ruptures, are caused by the fact that their competing and contending parts do not reach a settling point, a line of agreement along which all can work in enough concert to make a common success. This, of course, brings up the question of compromise. There are

certain ones who, believing they are right, look upon compromise as sinful. And yet, without compromise, what would be the result? Lecky, probably the most sanest and wisest historian of our generation, said: "If the absolute independence of individual judgment were pushed to its extreme, political anarchy would ensue. The complete concurrence of a large number of independent judgments in a complicated measure is impossible."

As in politics so in business and life in general. There is no large commercial concern that does not have its differences and contentions almost daily, but the heads of departments and members of the firm and special men fight out their battles in the office, doing their best to get the best they can for their own views; but if they are wise they quit their strife when the decision is made and use their forces for the work the decision demands. It is a mighty good thing to have these competitions, for they stir up the blood and make things move.

But the point to note and keep clearly in mind is not to let factional disturbances get into the main game.

## FIVE DOLLARS PER DEATH.

The request of the owners and managers of the General Slocum, made to the United States court, sitting in admiralty in the city of New York, to assess the liability of the Knickerbocker Excursion Company at no more than \$5 per death is not so very surprising, says the Commercial Tribune. A company which would overcrowd one of its excursion boats with women and children and provide them with rotten life preservers, as it provided the crew with rotten hose, need not be expected to do other than rate the death of a woman or a child at \$5 per head—per death.

The admiralty laws of the United States are woefully deficient, and the owners of the Slocum—the Knickerbocker Excursion Company—are of the opinion that in fixing the value of a life at \$5 they are even more generous than the United States, and they are. The law fixes the liability of a steamer at the amount the passenger would be required to pay on arriving at his port of destination, and as the amount each child would have been required to pay on arriving at the picnic grounds would not exceed 5 cents the owners of the Slocum must, really, be amazed over their generosity.

The families of the victims of the Iroquois fire can not recover, because the courts have held the city of Chicago is not liable—and the owners of the theater haven't the money. The families of the victims of the Slocum disaster are insulted by the proffer of the munificent sum of \$5 per head—per death—and must take it or go without any monetary recompense.

There is, however, another side to the law than its civil side. There is the criminal side, and the criminal laws of the United States and of the state of New York are ample and strict in their provisions covering carelessness in cases like that of the Slocum. They, at least, can be enforced—and most stringently they should be enforced.

The five-year prohibition against the practice of dropping dynamite or other explosive substances from balloons has expired. Japan and Russia are now at liberty to resort to the cruel and inhuman practice, notwithstanding the fact that war is sufficiently slaughtering in all its aspects, and notwithstanding the use of dum-dum bullets is still forbidden. Why the peace conference at The Hague should limit the prohibition against dynamiting from balloons for the short space of five years is inexplicable if the practice was shocking to humanity. The dum-dum bullet was held to be against civilized usages in warfare, and its prohibition was made perpetual. But it was not and would not be more inhuman than dynamiting an advancing army from balloons, nor than dynamiting an investing force around a fortress through the use of dynamite in mines. War is sufficiently destructive in the use of the Krag-Jorgensen and Krupp guns and the bombs thrown from mortars, to say nothing of the bayonet. The use of dynamite from balloons is inhuman and abhorrent to modern usages of warfare at the beginning of the five years has lost nothing during that period. The prohibition ought to have been made perpetual.

The price of vitriol has advanced, without any other excuse than the announcement that Tillman, Bryan, Bourke Cockran and Carmack are going to support the democratic ticket.

Twenty-four hours after he knew the contents of the St. Louis platform, Judge Parker sent his telegram declaring for the republican policy of sound money. Genuine valor is usually spontaneous.

The democrats are adopting the tactics of the dishonest merchant by offering "something equally as good" to the voters who want a fresh supply of staple republican policies.

It will not do for Judge Parker to advertise his political sanity. The platform upon which he was nominated is permeated with demagogism and he can not escape it.

## WILD SCENES CONTINUE

Colorado Miners Are Seized at Night for Deportation From the State.

## FATHER AND SON VICTIMS

For Some Mysterious Reason the Younger Man of the Two Is Released but the Elder Is Marched Away.

Victor, Colo., Aug. 10.—John Harper, former president of the Victor Miners' Union and late manager of the miners' union store in this city, one of the band of deported unionists, returned to the camp yesterday. Last night he was seized at his home by a party of masked men and driven out of the district. Mr. Harper's son, Archie, about 21 years old, was also compelled to accompany his father. Young Harper, however, was brought back about an hour after his father had been taken and reported that at a point a short distance below the town of Lawrence the men who held him and his father in charge decided that he should be returned. Two of the masked men were detailed for that purpose. He also stated that up to the time that he was separated from the crowd, his father had not been beaten nor otherwise maltreated.

Sheriff Underwood and Chief of Police Naylor started in pursuit of the deporting crowd, but as far as learned have not been able to overtake them.

## ANOTHER HUSBAND SHOT.

Door No Bar to Deadly Aim of Colorado Woman.

Golden, Colo., Aug. 10.—Mrs. Ida Stebbins of Pueblo has shot and killed her husband, Al Stebbins. They had been separated for two years and the husband sought an interview with the woman at the ranch near this city where she was working. Upon being refused admittance to her room, he threatened to break down the door. The woman thereupon fired through the door, the bullet lodging in Stebbins' brain. A young daughter of the couple handed her mother the gun with which she did the shooting. The woman was arrested.

## FOREST FIRES RAGING.

Timber Destroyed in Wind River Mountains.

Lander, Wyo., Aug. 10.—A forest fire is raging in the Wind River mountains between this place and Thermopolis, and already is reported to have destroyed a large area of timber. The fire is working eastward and a large number of ranches and mining properties are directly in its path. The inhabitants and forest rangers have turned out to fight the flames.

## GIFT FOR SOUTHERN SCHOOL.

Tulane University Gets Third of a Million Dollars.

New York, Aug. 10.—An appraisal of the estate of Alexander Hutchinson of this city, who died in New Orleans, December 7, 1902, shows that he left property worth \$1,020,000, exclusive of real estate, the value of which is not yet ascertained. Under the provisions of his will, Tulane university will receive on this basis \$333,475 to be used for the upbuilding of its medical department.

## Today's Weather.

Portland, Aug. 10.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho, Thursday, fair, warmer except near the coast.

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